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#### THE HUMAN VINEGARONE

OF ALL the nastiest, dirtiest, most pusillanimous and least recognizable creatures in the world, the claim jumper takes the grand prize. He is of a sort that he might invite a horde of his confederates to a dancing party and they could all trip the light fantastic on a needle's point.

There is the case of Nelson, for instance. He found something out near Mina and he was working on a \$12 a month pension at the time, and it was a long, weary time. Along came somebody and tried to take from him the reward of his labors. The case is yet to come before the courts and it is not advisable to say too much about it at the present, but enough is suggested to evidence that this is a fair instance of the methods of the professional claim jumper.

An amateur doesn't engage in this work. The fellow who does it is usually schooled in his art, just as was Alvin Karpis. He had through long study developed the keen ear and the gentle touch and had in the meantime lost all semblance of a conscience and the fear of God had passed out of his heart, as well as that kindred sentiment, love for his fellow men, but, unlike Jimmy, he can't come back and no one wants him back.

In the olden days men were hanged for stealing horses. Horses may be bred and the loser obtain another, but in the case of a jumped claim, hope goes out of the heart of the honest locator, who has strived so hard and so long for the recompense for his labors, that his spirit is broken and he feels that he is too old and too worn with the desert to make another undertaking, so he gives up and becomes human botany, while the jumper sells out and looks for another sphere of "usefulness." Give them the run or the rope.

#### THE UPLIFT AND THE DEPRESSION

IF THERE is one particular mystery in the world too deep for the psychologist to decipher, it is the cause for booze being at the same time brutalizing and a developer of the spiritual instinct. This morning a bunch of "good fellows" were gathered about a phonograph in a Tonopah saloon. They had made a night of it. If they had family ties, they had untied them. If there had been any reason why they should have been ailed at a reasonable hour in order to be ready for the duties of the day, they had lost the code.

At all events they sat about the machine, while one of the members of the party fed the disc, wound up the box and changed the needles. Not one in the party would consider rag time for a moment. They were first regaled with "The End of a Perfect Day." Then they called for "Aloha." Some one suggested that a full series of Richard J. Ross's tear compelling ballads be sung and then off the program drifted into the Verdi operas with a touch of the higher inspiration in "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Abide With Me."

It may be asserted that the bunch were polluted, and doubtless they were, according to the common acceptance of the word, but all they wanted as the dawn strengthened and the sun climbed up to its point of observation over by the Belmont, was to be soothed and sanctified by the voice choking and heart stirring songs of childhood, keenly remembered, and the later compositions by musicians who appeal to the human heart and give its pulsations for uplift. Of course the gang was drunk. If it had been sober it would have been planning some sort of a skin game, either commercially or with the cards. Some of them might be thinking of the mock they had to drag out on the next shift or the footage they were supposed to make with the drill, but they sat about in a sort of sodden spiritualism and were actually moved and stirred and uplifted and benefited by the voice of song.

Booze is a funny and a tragic old proposition. As our oft quoted Byron might have said, and probably did say: "It makes us what we were not, what it wills, and shakes us with the visions that have gone by."

#### BOYD MOORE HAS THE DOPE

AFTER all, it doesn't matter so much how "prepared" our nation may be for the buzzabouts of war, which may or may not visualize and become actualities. It is what we, as heads of families, do for ourselves. We love and cherish those who are dependent upon us, but do we do our full duty in providing for them against the time when the hand loses its cunning and the brain its initiative? It is all very well to live in the living present, but how about the long vistas of the tomorrow?

Boyd Moore is not generally deemed to possess prescience. He is only a plug like the rest of us, about as materialistic as the average run of newspaper men, but he says something in his News Letter and Advertiser that gets, or should get each and all of the craft, and of all the crafts, and bring us up to a dead stop for self-communication. Moore says:

"When our vitality is gone; when sickness comes; when old age creeps upon us, many of us find that we are the victims of 'unpreparedness' and that we have not been loyal to ourselves and to our own people. Indeed it is of vital importance that we fortify for the future ere too late; that we build up for ourselves 'a standing army' that will fight for us and protect us as long as possible in the face of the inevitable, and this 'standing army' will be ready at our beck and call if, while it is possible, we but conserve in discretion our health and our accumulations."

#### CLIPPED AND CREDITED

Astronomers say the new comet appears to be rapidly approaching us, so we suppose it wants to borrow money.—Grand Rapids Free Press.

A sea serpent in its day must have been a wonder, but not so much so as the submarine is. Nature superior to art? No.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Captain von Papen is seeing America first, while the seeing is good, and that is not a bad idea, whatever the eventualities may be.—San Antonio Express.

The czar knows how to starve the Germans into submission. He's raising a new army of 2,000,000 for them to capture and board.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Administration Not Disposed to Take Further Steps," says a headline, in the case of Dumba. Having kicked him out, why bother him any more?—Rochester Herald.

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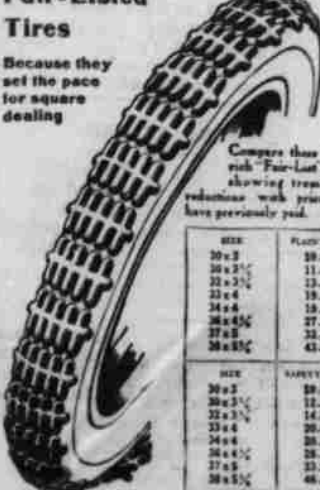
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